

# **METRO TRANSIT SYSTEM**

Madison, Wisconsin

COMMUNICATION TO THOSE CHARGED  
WITH GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2014

# METRO TRANSIT SYSTEM

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**REQUIRED COMMUNICATION OF INTERNAL CONTROL RELATED MATTERS  
IDENTIFIED IN THE AUDIT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

To the Transit and Parking Commission  
City of Madison  
Madison, Wisconsin

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Metro Transit System as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered its internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of its internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in Metro Transit System's internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

As certain processes are combined with the municipality those systems were reviewed and material weakness and significant deficiencies, if any, reported as part of the municipality's overall audit. These include payroll, information technology, and risk assessment. A separate Report on Internal Control will be issued to the Common Council. The information contained in that report is not included with this report.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, those charged with governance, and others within the organization and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP*

Madison, Wisconsin  
June 25, 2015

**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

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## TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT

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As part of our audit of your financial statements, we are providing communications to you throughout the audit process. Auditing requirements provide for two-way communication and are important in assisting the auditor and you with more information relevant to the audit.

As this past audit is concluded, we use what we have learned to begin the planning process for next year's audit. It is important that you understand the following points about the scope and timing of our next audit:

- a. We address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, through our detailed audit procedures.
- b. We will obtain an understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements or material noncompliance related to federal and state awards whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. We will obtain a sufficient understanding by performing risk assessment procedures to evaluate and design controls relevant to an audit of financial statements and to determine whether they have been implemented. We will use such knowledge to:
  - > Identify types of potential misstatements or noncompliance.
  - > Consider factors that affect the risks of material misstatement or material noncompliance.
  - > Design tests of controls, when applicable, and substantive procedures.

Our audit will be performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, OMB Circular A-133, and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*.

We will not express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts or grant programs. For audits done in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, and *Government Auditing Standards*, our report will include a paragraph that states that the purpose of the report is solely to describe (a) the scope of testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, (b) the scope of testing internal control over compliance for major programs and major program compliance and the result of that testing and to provide an opinion on compliance but not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance and, (c) that the report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance and OMB Circular A-133 and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* in considering internal control over compliance and major program compliance. The paragraph will also state that the report is not suitable for any other purpose.

- c. The concept of materiality recognizes that some matters, either individually or in the aggregate, are important for fair presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or for reporting material noncompliance while other matters are not important. In performing the audit, we are concerned with matters that, either individually or in the aggregate, could be material to the financial statements or to the entity's federal and state awards. Our responsibility is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that material misstatements or material noncompliance, whether caused by errors or fraud, are detected.

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## **TWO WAY COMMUNICATION REGARDING YOUR AUDIT (cont.)**

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We are very interested in your views regarding certain matters. Those matters are listed here:

- a. We typically will communicate with your top level of management unless you tell us otherwise.
- b. We understand that the Transit and Parking Commission has the responsibility to oversee the strategic direction of your organization, as well as the overall accountability of the entity. Management has the responsibility for achieving the objectives of the entity.
- c. We need to know your views about your organization's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
- d. Which matters do you consider warrant particular attention during the audit, and are there any areas where you request additional procedures to be undertaken?
- e. Have you had any significant communications with regulators or grantor agencies?
- f. Are there other matters that you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements or the federal or state awards?

Also, is there anything that we need to know about the attitudes, awareness, and actions of transit concerning:

- a. The transit's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control?
- b. The detection or the possibility of fraud?

We also need to know if you have taken actions in response to developments in financial reporting, laws, accounting standards, governance practices, or other related matters, or in response to previous communications with us.

With regard to the timing of our audit, here is some general information. Our final financial fieldwork is scheduled during the spring to best coincide with your readiness and report deadlines. After fieldwork, we wrap up our financial audit procedures at our office and issue drafts of our report for your review. Final copies of our report and other communications are issued after approval by your staff. This is typically 6-12 weeks after final fieldwork, but may vary depending on a number of factors. We typically perform the single audit fieldwork for transit related grants concurrently with the financial audit. The single audit reporting is combined with the City wide report and is issued by September 30th.

Keep in mind that while this communication may assist us with planning the scope and timing of the audit, it does not change the auditor's sole responsibility to determine the overall audit strategy and the audit plan, including the nature, timing, and extent of procedures necessary to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence.

We realize that you may have questions on what this all means, or wish to provide other feedback. We welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

**COMMUNICATION OF OTHER CONTROL DEFICIENCIES, RECOMMENDATIONS,  
AND INFORMATIONAL POINTS TO MANAGEMENT THAT ARE NOT  
MATERIAL WEAKNESSES OR SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES**



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## **PRIOR YEAR OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### ***TIMELY PREPARATION OF INVOICES FOR SERVICES***

At year end, accounts receivable contained seven months of outstanding bills from both U.W. Madison and Associated Students of Madison, up from four months outstanding in 2011. Per a review of invoices sent, the June through October bills were sent in December 2012, while the November and December bills were sent in February of 2013. The delayed billing leads to delayed cash collection, and therefore a lag from when Metro provided the service and when it receives the related revenues. We recommend Metro implement more timely billing in order to improve overall cash flows.

With the amount of staff turnover in 2013, the billing schedules described above continued to be delayed. Management is aware of this and is working toward implementing a process to ensure timely billing for services.

#### ***Status 12/31/14***

With staff turnover continuing to be a challenge in 2014, the billing schedules described above continued to be delayed resulting in large receivable balances at year end. Management is aware of the continuing challenge and is working toward a resolution to ensure timely billing for services. We are aware that a large portion of the year end receivable balance is related to the year end true up of the MA Waiver contract. We recommend revising the MA Waiver contract to allow for semi-annual true ups or an increase in monthly billings throughout the year in order to decrease the amount that is due to Metro at year end.

### ***JOURNAL ENTRY REVIEW***

Currently, Metro does not have a formally documented journal entry review process. Often times journal entries are prepared, and entered by the same employee. We understand that the detailed review of monthly financial statements and budget to actual reports would identify and correct most errors; however we still recommend a formalized process for the independent review of journal entries by someone other than the preparer be developed and implemented.

#### ***Status 12/31/14***

It was noted during the 2014 audit that there still is not consistent review of all journal entries. In addition, it was noted that there were instances when supporting documentation was not maintained with the journal voucher. As vacant positions continue to be filled in the finance department, management will review the responsibilities of each employee and implement a review and documentation policy for journal entries.

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**PRIOR YEAR OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (cont.)**

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***DOCUMENTATION OF YEAR END ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES***

Over the past several years Metro has experienced several transitions within the financial department staff. During the 2008 audit, management posed valid questions related to the accounting for certain unique annual transactions such as the partner subsidy calculation or the accruals for vacation and sick leave. As these transactions are only calculated at year end, we recommend that management create a system of other information that would be helpful from year to year. These can be used during the year end process and updated annually as needed based on contractual changes or new accounting standards.

***Status 12/31/14***

Management was unable to create the system described above in 2014 due to personnel changes. The intent is for the finance department to document these procedures in 2015.

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**INFORMATIONAL / PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE**

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***OMB UNIFORM GUIDANCE FOR FEDERAL AWARDS NOW IN EFFECT***

As reported to you in the past, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued comprehensive grant reform rules titled “Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards” which affect federal awards issued after December 26, 2014. Therefore, the new federal awards and funding increments you receive in 2015 will be subject to these rules.

The grant reform is intended to streamline the guidance on administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards. The uniform guidance superseded OMB Circulars A-21, A-50, A-87, A-89, A-102, A-110, A-122, and A-133.

Some of the most significant changes impacting many governments include payroll reporting, subrecipient monitoring, procurement, indirect costs, and various changes to the allowability of certain costs. It is important for management to perform a comprehensive analysis of the new rules to determine what changes may be necessary to ensure your compliance. Visit our website at [www.bakertilly.com/grantreform](http://www.bakertilly.com/grantreform) for additional resources or call us with your questions.

***GASB UPDATES***

The following is a schedule of GASB projects:

<b>Task or Event</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Impact</b>
GASB 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and GASB 71 – Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB 68	For fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014.	Your entity belongs to the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). WRS has represented that it will provide the information necessary for the employers to implement GASB 68. The government’s share of the net pension liability / asset will be reported in its full-accrual funds and the government-wide financial statements. The footnote disclosures will have significant changes.
Current Agenda Project: Fair Value Measurement	Proposed effective date – June 30, 2016 (Exposure Draft issued in May 2014)	The objective of this project is to review and consider alternatives for the further development of the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value and the applicability of fair value guidance to investments and other items currently reported at fair value, and the potential disclosures about fair value.
Current Agenda Project: Fiduciary Responsibilities	The GASB Board is expected to issue an Exposure Draft in October 2015	This project is to assess what additional guidance should be developed regarding the application of the fiduciary responsibility criteria in deciding whether and how governments should report fiduciary activities in their financial reports.
Current Agenda Project: Leases	The GASB Board is scheduled to issue an Exposure Draft in January 2016	The objective of this project is to re-examine issues associated with lease accounting, consider improvements to existing guidance, and provide a basis for the GASB Board to consider whether the current guidance is appropriate based on the definitions of assets and liabilities.

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**INFORMATIONAL POINTS (cont.)**


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**GASB UPDATES (cont.)**

<b>Task or Event</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Impact</b>
Current Agenda Project: Other Postemployment Benefits Accounting and Financial Reporting	Proposed effective date for plans – December 31, 2016; Proposed effective date for employers – December 31, 2017; Proposed effective dates for pensions not administered by a trust – June 30, 2017 (Exposure Drafts issued in May 2014)	The Board will consider the possibility of modifications to the existing standards of accounting and financial reporting for other postemployment benefits (OPEB) by state and local governmental employers and by the trustees, administrators, or sponsors of OPEB plans. GASB has stated that their objectives are to increase financial reporting transparency and to improve the usefulness of information to the various users of the financial statements.
Current Agenda Project: Blending Requirements for Certain Business-Type Activities	The GASB Board is expected to issue an Exposure Draft in June 2015	The objective of this project would be improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to inconsistent presentation of component units in financial reporting of governments engaged only in business-type activities.
Current Agenda Project: External Investment Pools	The GASB Board is expected to issue an Exposure Draft in June 2015	The objective of this project is to improve financial reporting by external investment pools and pool participants that report positions in investment pools.
Current Agenda Project: Irrevocable Charitable Trusts	The GASB Board is expected to issue an Exposure Draft in May 2015	The objective of this project is to determine what accounting and financial reporting guidance, if any, should be established for irrevocable charitable trusts held for the benefit of governmental entities.
Current Agenda Project: Tax abatement Disclosures	Proposed effective date – December 31, 2016 (Exposure Draft issued in October 2014)	The objective of this project is to determine what disclosure guidance for governments that have granted tax abatements, if any, are essential to financial statement users.

The GASB has two other projects which are on hold. They include the conceptual framework for recognition and economic condition reporting – financial projections.

The GASB revisits GASB standards ten (10) years after issuance. The GASB is currently revisiting GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, as well as reporting model-related pronouncements including Statements Nos. 37, 41, and No. 46 and Interpretation No. 6, *Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements*. The GASB has indicated that they are revisiting the following major provisions of these standards: management’s discussion and analysis, government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, capital asset reporting, budgetary comparisons, special purpose government reporting, and related notes to financial statements. In addition, the GASB is revisiting debt extinguishments, which includes a reexamination of GASB Statement Nos. 7, 23, and 62. We will share updates with you as they become available.

Full lists of projects, as well as many resources, are available on GASB’s website which is located at [www.gasb.org](http://www.gasb.org).

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**INFORMATIONAL POINTS (cont.)**

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***GASB 67 AND 68***

The Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds sent an Employer Bulletin (“Bulletin”) to all Wisconsin Retirement System Employers related to the new GASB pension reporting requirements. The Bulletin was dated December 1, 2014 (Vol.31, No. 16).

As noted in the Bulletin, GASB 67 affects the Wisconsin Retirement System (“WRS” or “the Plan”) for its year ended December 31, 2014. GASB 68 affects the employers participating in the Plan. GASB 68 will affect your organization as of December 31, 2015.

WRS has represented that it will provide general information necessary for employers to implement GASB 68. There will be a significant impact on your financial statements including:

- > Your organization’s proportionate share of the WRS’s net pension asset or liability will be reported in your full-accrual funds and the government-wide financial statements for the first time.
- > The net pension asset or liability should be allocated to the full-accrual funds that are expected to make payments toward this liability.
- > The footnote disclosures will have significant changes.

We are available to assist you with the implementation of this new standard.

**REQUIRED COMMUNICATIONS BY THE AUDITOR TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**

To the Transit and Parking Commission  
City of Madison

Thank you for using Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as your auditor.

We have completed our audit of the financial statements of Metro Transit System of Madison, Wisconsin for the year ended December 31, 2014, and have issued our report thereon dated June 25, 2015. This letter presents communications required by our professional standards.

***OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED  
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS,  
OMB CIRCULAR A-133 AND THE STATE SINGLE AUDIT GUIDELINES***

The objective of a financial statement audit is the expression of an opinion on the financial statements. We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, OMB Circular A-133, and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*. These standards require that we plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are free of material misstatement, whether caused by error or fraud. Our audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit does not relieve management or the commission of their responsibilities.

We considered Metro Transit System's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Metro Transit System's internal control over financial reporting. We will consider the internal control over compliance with types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal and major state program to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for a major federal and state program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Metro Transit System's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit. Also, in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*, we will examine, on a test basis, evidence about Metro Transit System's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal and state programs for the purpose of expressing an opinion on Metro Transit System's compliance with those requirements. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance, it does not provide a legal determination on Metro Transit System's compliance with those requirements.

To the Transit and Parking Commission  
City of Madison

We have issued a separate document which contains the results of our audit procedures to comply with OMB Circular A-133 and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*.

***OTHER INFORMATION IN DOCUMENTS CONTAINING AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS***

Our responsibility does not extend beyond the audited financial statements identified in this report. We do not have any obligation to and have not performed any procedures to corroborate other information contained in client prepared documents, such as official statements related to debt issues.

***PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT***

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our planning letter.

***QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF THE ENTITY'S SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES***

***Accounting Policies***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Metro Transit System are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. We noted no transactions entered into by the Metro Transit System during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

***Accounting Estimates***

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

- > The estimate of the Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEBs) liability, which is based upon information provided by actuaries contracted with by the City.
- > The estimate of accrued sick leave which is based on a historical usage analysis completed by the City.

We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop all of these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

***Financial Statement Disclosures***

The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent, and clear.

***DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.



To the Transit and Parking Commission  
City of Madison

***CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS***

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management.

There were no such misstatements identified.

***DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT***

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

***CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

***MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter. This letter follows this required communication.

***INDEPENDENCE***

We are not aware of any relationships between Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP and the Metro Transit System that, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence.

Relating to our audit of the financial statements of Metro Transit System for the year ended December 31, 2014, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP hereby confirms that we are, in our professional judgment, independent with respect to the Metro in accordance with the Code of Professional Conduct issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We provided no services to the Metro other than audit services provided in connection with the audit of the current year's financial statements and the following nonaudit services which in our judgment do not impair our independence.

- > NTD report certification

None of these nonaudit services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.

To the Transit and Parking Commission  
City of Madison

***OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS OR ISSUES***

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Metro Transit System's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

***OTHER MATTERS***

We applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquires of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the supplementary information which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to the supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

***RESTRICTION ON USE***

This information is intended solely for the use of Transit and Parking Commission and management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the information included in this letter and any other matters. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

*Baker Tilly Vinchow Krause, LLP*

Madison, Wisconsin  
June 25, 2015

## **MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIONS**



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June 25, 2015

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Dear Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of the financial statements of Metro Transit System as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for the years then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Metro Transit System and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of the previously mentioned financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control over financial reporting, and preventing and detecting fraud.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audit.

### *Financial Statements*

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter.
2. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have engaged you to advise us in fulfilling that responsibility. The financial statements include all properly classified funds of the utility required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be included in the financial reporting entity.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
4. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.

6. Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No other events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
8. All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards.
9. All known audit and bookkeeping adjustments have been included in our financial statements, and we are in agreement with those adjustments.
10. There are no known or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
11. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the transit is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

*Information Provided*

12. We have provided you with:
  - a. Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as financial records and related data, documentation, and other matters and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
  - b. Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c. Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d. Minutes of the meetings of our governing body or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
13. We have disclosed to you results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
14. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:
  - a. Management,
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
15. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
16. We have no knowledge of known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
17. There are no known related parties or related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

*Other*

18. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
19. We have a process to track the status of audit findings and recommendations.
20. We have identified to you any previous financial audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the audit objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
21. The transit has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.
22. We are responsible for compliance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits, debt contracts, and IRS arbitrage regulations; and we have identified and disclosed to you all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the audit objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
23. There are no:
  - a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, federal, state, and local laws or regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance, except those already disclosed in the financial statement, if any.
  - b. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
  - c. Rates being charged to customers other than the rates as authorized by the applicable authoritative body.
24. In regards to the nonattest services performed by you listed below, we have 1) accepted all management responsibility; 2) designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services; 3) evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed, and 4) accepted responsibility for the results of the services.
  - a. Financial statement preparation
  - b. Adjusting journal entries

None of these nonattest services constitute an audit under generally accepted auditing standards, including *Government Auditing Standards*.
25. Metro Transit System has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
26. Metro Transit System has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statement in the event of noncompliance.
27. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
28. Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
29. Metro Transit System has no derivative financial instruments such as contracts that could be assigned to someone else or net settled, interest rate swaps, collars or caps.

30. Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
31. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk, and investments are properly valued. Collateralization agreements with financial institutions, if any, have been properly disclosed.
32. Provision, when material, has been made to reduce excess or obsolete inventories to their estimated net realizable value.
33. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated/amortized. Any known impairments have been recorded and disclosed.
34. We have appropriately disclosed Metro Transit System's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available and have determined that net position were properly recognized under the policy.
35. We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
36. With respect to the supplementary information, (SI):
  - a. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SI in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the SI, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SI have not changed from those used in the prior period, and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the supplementary information.
  - a. If the SI is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the auditor's report thereon.
37. With respect to federal and state award programs:
  - a. We are responsible for understanding and complying with and have complied with the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, OMB Circular A 133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, *State Single Audit Guidelines*, including requirements relating to preparation of the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards (SEFSA).
  - b. We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the SEFSA in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 §310.b and the State Single Audit Guidelines, and we believe the SEFSA, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 §310.b and the *State Single Audit Guidelines*. The methods of measurement and presentation of the SEFSA have not changed from those used in the prior period and we have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the SEFSA.
  - c. If the SEFSA is not presented with the audited financial statements, we will make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the SEFSA no later than the date we issue the SEFSA and the auditors' report thereon.
  - d. We have identified and disclosed to you all of our government programs and related activities subject to OMB Circular A-133 and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* and included in the SEFSA, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost reimbursement contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements,

interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other direct assistance.

- e. We are responsible for understanding and complying with, and have complied with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal and state programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal and state program.
- f. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining, and have established and maintained, effective internal control over compliance for federal and state programs that provide reasonable assurance that we are administering our federal and state awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal and state programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control over compliance or other factors to the date of this letter that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken with regard to control deficiencies reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
- g. We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal or state agencies or pass-through entities relevant to the programs and related activities.
- h. We have received no requests from a federal or state agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.
- i. We have complied with the direct and material compliance requirements (except for noncompliance disclosed to you), including when applicable, those set forth in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement and the State Single Audit Guidelines, relating to federal and state awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements of federal and state awards.
- j. We have disclosed any communications from grantors and pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including communications received from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- k. We have disclosed to you the findings received and related corrective actions taken for previous audits, attestation agreements, and internal or external monitoring that directly relate to the objectives of the compliance audit, if any, including findings received and corrective actions taken from the end of the period covered by the compliance audit to the date of the auditors' report.
- l. Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Tribal Governments*, and OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments*.
- m. We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- n. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance with the direct and material compliance requirements, including information related to federal and state program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- o. We have disclosed to you the nature of any subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period affecting noncompliance during the reporting period.
- p. We are not aware of any instances of noncompliance with direct and material compliance requirements that occurred subsequent to the period covered by the auditors' report.
- q. No changes have been made in internal control over compliance or other factors that might significantly affect



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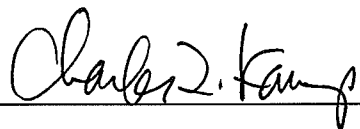
internal control, including any corrective action we have taken regarding significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance, subsequent to the date as of which compliance was audited.

- r. Federal and state program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared.
- s. The copies of federal and state program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal and state agency or pass-through entity, as applicable.
- t. We have charged costs to federal and state awards in accordance with applicable cost principles.
- u. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included by OMB Circular A-133 and the *State Single Audit Guidelines* and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- v. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by OMB Circular A-133.
- w. We have disclosed to you all contracts or other agreements with our service organizations, and we have disclosed to you all communications from the service organization relating to noncompliance at the service organizations.

Sincerely,

Metro Transit System

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

